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SUBJECT: EMPHASIS ON SECURITY ISSUES AS OPENING OF
BAADER-MEINHOF TRIAL APPROACHES

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BEGIN SUMMARY: A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING
INTERNAL SECURITY HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THIS PERIOD JUST
BEFORE THE BAADER-MEINHOF TRIAL IS ABOUT TO BEGIN
(MAY 21) IN STUTTGART. A MAY 9 SHOOT OUT IN COLOGNE
BETWEEN THREE TERRORISTS AND THE POLICE RESULTED IN
THE DEATH OF ONE TERRORIST AND A POLICEMAN AS WELL AS
SERIOUSLY WOUNDING ONE OTHER TERRORIST AND A POLICEMAN.
IN THE WAKE OF THE STOCKHOLM AND COLOGNE INCIDENTS
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THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS STRENGTHENED SECURITY AT

THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY AND PLANS TO INTRODUCE A LAW PERMITTING THE MONITORING OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AND ACCUSED TERRORISTS IN SPECIAL CASES. FEDERAL JUSTICE MINISTER VOGEL HAS ADMITTED THAT THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL TERRORISTS IS GREATER THAN ORIGINALLY THOUGHT AND SECURITY AUTHORITIES FEAR NEW TERRORIST ACTS EITHER DURING THE TRIAL OR IN JUNE ON THE ANNIVERSARIES OF BAADER'S CAPTURE OR THE JUNE 2, 1967 DEATH OF STUDENT BENNO OHNESORG. END SUMMARY

1. AS THE TIME OF THE BAADER-MEINHOF TRIAL IN STUTT-GART APPROACHES, THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING THE INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF MAY 9, A SHOOT OUT OCCURRED BETWEEN THREE ACCUSED TERRORISTS AND THE POLICE IN COLOGNE. IN THE COURSE OF THE FIREFIGHT ONE TERRORIST, WERNER SAUBER, A LEADER IN THE SECOND OF JUNE MOVEMENT WHO WAS BEING SOUGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PETER LORENZ KIDNAPPING CASE, AND A 22-YEAR OLD POLICEMAN WERE KILLED. A 33-YEAR OLD DOCTOR AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE RADICAL SOCIALIST GERMAN STUDENTS, KARL-HEINZ ROTH, AND ANOTHER POLICEMAN WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. A THIRD TERRORIST, ROLAND OTTO, A 25-YEAR OLD CONVICTED BANK ROBBER, REPORTEDLY CONNECTED WITH A MUNICH URBAN-GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION WHO HAD JUMPED PAROLE IN 1974, WAS CAPTURED. LOCAL POLICE HAVE SPECULATED THAT COLOGNE HAS REPLACED MUNICH AND BERLIN AS THE CENTER OF OPERATIONS FOR GERMAN TERRORISTS.

2. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT INCREASED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN AT THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY. NO LONGER WILL TOURISTS BE ALLOWED IN THE AREA, AND PRIVATE PARKING FOR STAFF IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF THE FEDERAL CHANCELLERY IS BEING PROHIBITED. IN ADDITION, THE SECURITY FORCES AROUND THE CHANCELLERY HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED.

3. THE FEDERAL CABINET AGREED MAY 14 AGAIN TO INTRODUCE A LAW WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE MONITORING (IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPECIAL CASES) OF CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN DEFENSE ATTORNEYS AND ACCUSED TERRORISTS. WHEN SUCH A CHANGE WAS PROPOSED AT THE END OF LAST YEAR THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION, PARTICULARLY FROM THE FDP BUT ALSO WITHIN THE SPD FRAKTION. FOLLOWING THE ATTACK ON THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN STOCKHOLM AND THE RECENT SHOOT OUT IN COLOGNE, IT IS NOW BELIEVED THAT SENTIMENT HAS CHANGED ENOUGH IN THE BUNDESTAG SO THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE

ABLE TO PASS THE LEGISLATION. THE CDU/CSU WOULD PRE-
FER EVEN MORE RESTRICTIVE LEGISLATION (REFTEL) THAN
THAT PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT. AT A NATIONAL MEETING
IN BERLIN LAST WEEKEND, THE ASSOCIATION OF GERMAN
LAWYERS AGAIN PUBLICLY CAME OUT AGAINST SUCH LEGISLA-
TION ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WOULD FUNDAMENTALLY DISTURB
THE CLIENT-ATTORNEY RELATIONSHIP AND THAT, IN ANY EVENT,
THE CASES OF MISUSE OF THIS RELATIONSHIP WERE VERY
FEW. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ATTEMPTED TO REDUCE CRITICISM

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BY PROMISING THAT RESTRICTIONS ON DEFENSE LAWYERS
WOULD ONLY TAKE PLACE IN VERY SPECIAL CASES. THE

GOVERNMENT'S CASE WAS NOT HELPED BY THE RELEASE FOR LACK OF EVIDENCE OF BAADER ATTORNEY SIGFRIED HAAG, WHO HAD BEEN ACCUSED OF ACTING AS A COURIER BETWEEN BAADER AND THE TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

4. SPEAKING BEFORE THE PRESS ON MAY 13, FEDERAL JUSTICE MINISTER VOGEL ADMITTED THAT THE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL TERRORISTS WAS GREATER THAN HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN THOUGHT.

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THIS IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT SOME OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE MOST RECENT TERRORIST ACTIVITIES HAD NOT BEEN THOUGHT TO BE POTENTIAL HARD CORE TERRORISTS.

5. IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESS WILL BECOME EVEN MORE CONCERNED ONCE THE BAADER-MEINHOF TRIAL BEGINS NEXT WEEK. THERE IS PARTICULAR CONCERN THAT THE ANNIVERSARY OF BAADER'S CAPTURE (JUNE 1, 1972), AND THE ANNIVERSARY ON THE SECOND OF JUNE (FROM WHICH THE GANG THAT KIDNAPPED LORENZ TOOK ITS NAME) WHEN A GERMAN STUDENT WAS KILLED DURING DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST THE VISIT OF THE SHAH OF IRAN, WILL PROVIDE SYMBOLIC DATES FOR NEW ACTS OF TERROR. HILLENBRAND

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